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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ALLEN HARGREAVES, TUC INTERNATIONAL HEAD, HAS INFORMED US THAT THE SOVIET LEADER, ALEXANDR SHELEPIN, WILL BE VISITING LONDON SOMETIME IN APRIL. HE ALSO DISCUSSED THE RECENT VISIT OF A DGB DELEGATION TO LONDON, THE ETUC, AND OTHER ISSUES. END SUMMARY

2. VISIT OF SOVIET DELEGATION - HARGREAVES SAID THAT THE TUC NOW EXPECTS A SOVIET TRADE UNION DELEGATION, INCLUDING ALEXANDR SHELEPIN, LEADER OF THE AUCCTU, TO VISIT LONDON SOMETIME IN APRIL - ALTHOUGH A PRECISE DATE HAS YET TO BE FIXED. HARGREAVES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT SHELEPIN'S KGB BACKGROUND WOULD PROVIDE FUEL TO THE PRESS AND THOSE IN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT AND GENERAL PUBLIC WHO ARE ANTI-COMMUNIST.

3. DGB VISIT - A DGB DELEGATION VISITED LONDON ON DECEMBER 13-14. IT INCLUDED DGB LEADERS VETTER, SCHWAB, LAPPAS, KRISTOFFERSON AND JUNG. THE TUC WAS REPRESENTED BY MURRAY, JONES, PATTERSON, BOTTINI, BRIGINSHAW, JACKSON, BASNETT AND PARRY. HARGREAVES SAID THAT IT WAS ESSENTIALLY A "GOOD-WILL" VISIT, DESIGNED IN PART TO ASSURE SMOOTH RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DGB AND THE TUC WHICH HAD BECOME STRAINED RECENTLY (LARGELY BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES ON APPROACH TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND TO THE ADMITTANCE OF COMMUNIST-DOMINATED UNIONS TO THE ETUC). HE DECLARED THAT THERE HAD BEEN ONLY A MINIMAL DISCUSSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BUT THAT JACK JONES AND LEN MURRAY HAD ASSURED THE GERMAN VISITORS THAT THE BRITISH TUC WOULD PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY IF THE REFERENDUM WAS IN FAVOR OF CONTINUED UK MEMBERSHIP, AND THAT IF IT WERE NOT, THE TUC WOULD CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN THE ETUC (THE DGB LEADER, HEINZ VETTER, REPORTEDLY TOLD AN FRG EMBASSY OFFICIAL THAT IF THE REFERENDUM WENT AGAINST CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP, THE DGB WOULD CONSIDER PULLING OUT OF THE ETUC).

4. THERE WAS ALSO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EUROPE WITH CONCERN EXPRESSED BY BOTH SIDES ABOUT THE SERIOUS IMPACT OF THE US ECONOMY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON THAT OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IF THE US CONTINUED TO FOLLOW ITS CURRENT DEFLATIONARY ECONOMIC

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POLICY. HARGREAVES SUMMED UP THE MEETING AS "USEFUL BUT NOT EXCITING," ADDING THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR FOLLOW-UP VISITS BY MURRAY AND OTHER TUC LEADERS TO GERMANY AS WELL AS A RETURN VISIT OF A TOP DELEGATION TO GERMANY IN MID-1975.

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5. PORTUGAL - THE TUC OFFICIAL REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT THE TUC WAS DEPENDING ON THE ICFTU "WHICH IS GETTING READY TO DO SOMETHING" IN PORTUGAL RATHER THAN BECOMING INVOLVED ITSELF. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT ALEC KITSON, AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL OF THE TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION, WAS WORKING IN PORTUGAL ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT KITSON WAS OPERATING UNDER THE TGWU FLAG RATHER THAN THAT OF THE TUC, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS IS A DISTINCTION WITHOUT A REAL DIFFERENCE.

6. ETUC - HARGREAVES SAID THAT THE REASON WHY VETTER WAS CHOSEN TO MEET WITH SEGUY OF THE CGT TO DISCUSS THE AFFILIATION ISSUE WAS BECAUSE THE OTHER LEADERS THOUGHT IT BETTER TO SEND HIM RATHER THAN "AN OFFICE BOY," I.E., RASSCHAERT, ETUC GENERAL SECRETARY (REF A). HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND FROM ANOTHER TUC SOURCE THAT THE CGT SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH VETTER. (ONE CAN PRESUME ONLY THAT FOR THE CGT IF THERE IS "A NUT TO CRACK" IT IS VETTER, SINCE THE DGB HAS BEEN THE MAIN OPPONENT OF CGT ADMISSION TO THE ETUC. IN ADDITION, AT LEAST IN THE EYES OF SOME TUC PEOPLE, VETTER IS "SOFTER" ON THE QUESTION OF ULTIMATE AFFILIATION THAN OTHER DGB LEADERS.)

7. HARGREAVES ALSO REFERRED TO OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED BY ETUC VICE PRESIDENTS IN BRUSSELS - SUCH AS THE POSSIBLE AFFILIATION OF THE ADDITIONAL TRADE UNIONS FROM IRELAND, FRANCE AND MALTA TO THE ETUC - AS WELL AS FINANCIAL QUESTIONS. IT WOULD APPEAR -- VIEWED FROM THE BRITISH PERSPECTIVE -- THAT THE CENTRAL ISSUE WHICH APPEARS TO DOMINATE THE ETUC -- IS THE QUESTION OF ITS ENLARGEMENT TO INCLUDE THE CGT. IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR THAT UNTIL THE ISSUE OF UK MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC IS DECIDED ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE TUC'S ROLE IN THE ETUC WILL CONTINUE TO REMAIN ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE.

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